

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~25X1 COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)REPORT NO. [REDACTED]25X1 TOPIC Soviet Ordnance Depot with Attached Light Field Shop No. 234in Jena-LoebstaedtDATE PREPARED 23 July 1951PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - sketch on ditto

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1. During the period from the summer of 1950 to January 1951, it was observed that a Soviet ordnance depot with two attached light field shops was located in Jena-Loebstaedt, about 500 meters distant from the barracks installations, between the highway and the railroad line. One of the light field shops [REDACTED] 25X1 was headed by Colonel Kusmin, (fmu). (1) The organization of Soviet light field shops roughly corresponds to the former German ordnance shops. About 120 officers, NCOs and EM, are assigned to the ordnance depot.
 2. The superior headquarters of the ordnance depot was located in Zeitz and was allegedly commanded by Lieutenant General Koralev, (fmu). In early December 1950, a lieutenant general from Zeitz, who appeared to have a good technical knowledge, picked up several repaired pistols at the ordnance depot.
 3. During the maneuver period in the summer of 1950, the light field shop was assigned to the repair of light and heavy infantry weapons at the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. During this time, the German workers of the installation were quartered outside the Soviet installation and were trucked to their place of work every day. Some of the officers of the field shop had to participate in the maneuvers. During the stay at the troop training grounds, a heavy machine gun of about 20-mm was particularly noticed. Such a machine gun had not been repaired in Jena. It was learned that the heavy machine gun was a secret weapon and that only one company each, in Jena, Saalfeld, and Rudolfstadt was equipped with it. The weapon, which in outward appearance is similar to the old Maxim type machine gun, but is air-cooled and fitted with a jacket with perforations similar to the submachine gun, is mounted on a two-wheel carriage, and is provided with an armor shield. Its rate of fire is, allegedly, 400 rounds per minute. The soldiers call this weapon Yakov, allegedly after aircraft designer Yakovlev. (2)
 4. In January 1951, equipment stored at the ordnance depot included: infantry weapons of all types including mortars, in Shed 1; artillery pieces of all kinds up to very heavy calibers, in Shed 2; signal, engineering and gas protective equipment, in Shed 3. All the gas masks stored in this shed were provided with training filters. The real filters are being kept under lock. A small dump for artillery ammunition, a little shed with gas protective equipment, and two little sheds with chemical agents were also observed in the depot area. (3)

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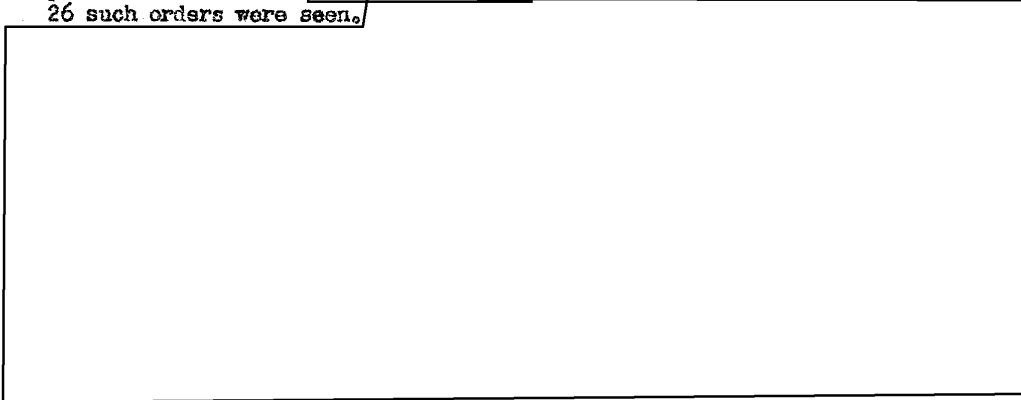
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- 25X1 5. Most of the repair orders seen in the field shop during the reported period were made out [redacted] in Jena-Zwaetzen. In November 1950, 26 such orders were seen.

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25X1 [redacted] Comments.

- (1) The existence in Jena-Loebstaedt of a Soviet ordnance depot with attached field shops was known previously. Data on the location of the installation and its status are, however, received for the first time.

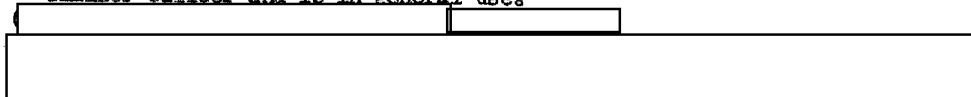
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[redacted] In March 1951, a Colonel Kusmin was reported [redacted] as being attached to the 20th Gds Mecz Div located in the barracks installation in Jena-Zwaetzen.

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- 25X1 (2) From the description of this weapon it is inferred that model-43 heavy machine gun (Goryunov) is concerned. However, this machine gun has a smaller caliber and is in general use.

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